

## **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

DATE: September 6, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:08 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:30 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **ATTENDING MEMBERS**

Greg Bowes, Chair  
Patrice Abduallah  
Rozelle Boyd  
Ginny Cain  
Susie Day  
Joanne Sanders  
Scott Schneider

#### **ABSENT**

### **AGENDA**

PROPOSAL NO. 174, 2005 - approves an increase of \$2,300,150 in the 2005 budget of the Marion County Auditor (County General Fund) to make a payment for the housing of juvenile inmates, funds transferred from the Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Fund to the County General Fund (IC 12-19-7.5-33)

"Tabled"

Vote: 6-0

### **BUDGET HEARING**

#### **Review and Analysis**

PROPOSAL NO. 414, 2005 - adopts the annual budget for the Marion County Office of Family and Children for 2006

"Do Pass as Amended"

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 415, 2005 - adopts the annual budget for Indianapolis and Marion County for 2006 (Community Affairs portion only)

"Do Pass as Amended"

Vote: 7-0

## **Community Affairs Committee**

The Community Affairs Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, September 6, 2005. Chair Greg Bowes called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. with the following members present: Patrice Abdullah, Rozelle Boyd, Ginny Cain, Susie Day, Joanne Sanders and Scott Schneider. Bart Brown, Chief Financial Officer, represented Council Staff.

PROPOSAL NO. 174, 2005 - approves an increase of \$2,300,150 in the 2005 budget of the Marion County Auditor (County General Fund) to make a payment for the housing of juvenile inmates, funds transferred from the Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Fund to the County General Fund (IC 12-19-7.5-33)

Chair Bowes explained that Proposal No. 174, 2005, was discussed in a previous meeting on May 18, 2005, and was postponed until this meeting.

Councillor Sanders then moved, seconded by Councillor Schneider, to "Table" Proposal No. 174, 2005, due to a pending lawsuit regarding this payment. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

## **BUDGET HEARING**

PROPOSAL NO. 414, 2005 - adopts the annual budget for the Marion County Office of Family and Children for 2006

Councillor Sanders explained the amendment to Proposal No. 414, 2005, which is illustrated as Exhibit A. The main purpose of the amendment is to reduce the budget request to the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2005. Councillor Schneider stated that the amendment needed to be more technical in that the amount appropriated should match the amount requested for the tax levy. Mr. Brown agreed and suggested that Councillor Schneider's motion to amend that first page, which is the appropriated budget for Marion County Office of Family and Children (OFC). He explained that in Character 03 the amount of \$93,479,600 should be changed to \$63,970,196 and the motion should include that all other references of the \$93 million is changed to the \$63 million. After consent of the committee was given, Chair Bowes stated that the committee would vote on the amendment as changed by Councillor Schneider.

{Clerk's Note: Councillor Cain arrived at 5:14 p.m.}

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor Sanders, to amend Proposal No. 414, 2005, as per exhibit A, but with the technical corrections agreed to by the committee. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

Councillor Sanders moved, seconded by Councillor Abdullah, to send Proposal No. 414, 2005, as per exhibit A, to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

PROPOSAL NO. 415, 2005 - adopts the annual budget for Indianapolis and Marion County for 2006 (Community Affairs portion only)

Councillor Sanders explained the amendments to Proposal No. 415, 2005, because there are various subsections of that proposal which are amended throughout.

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor Sanders, to "Amend" Proposal No. 415, 2005, as per exhibit B. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

Councillor Schneider asked if Councillor Sanders could explain those amendments. Councillor Sanders stated that in terms of the Fair Board, the Controller's office was asked to see if there was some way they could reinstate some of their budget. She also stated that after going through the numbers, the Controller's office has determined that they could come up with about \$80,000 to support them in 2006. Soil and Water Conservation was originally cut, so this represents at least a 10% decrease in their current budget for 2005. She also explained that Noble Center was included in the budget and presented, as well as the Regional Mental Health Centers. Councillor Schneider asked if the funding for Noble and the Mental Health Centers is new money. Councillor Sanders answered in the negative. Councillor Schneider asked what the particular reason was for the change. Councillor Sanders stated that was basically for the assurance that the funds will be spent in the manner appropriated. Councillor Sanders also stated that in the case with Noble and the Health Centers, the Council is statutorily obligated to honor those commitments

Councillor Schneider asked Robert Clifford, City Controller, if he could explain where the funds were found to support the Marion County Fair Board and Soil and Water Conservation. Mr. Clifford stated that in a different committee hearing, the County Clerk referred to a settlement the City has with the voting machines, and that will be a refund that will bolster up the General Fund. He also explained that it was important to continue to support those agencies. Mr. Clifford explained that the Fair Board was at a zero balance for 2005, so they were taken back to their adjusted 2004 appropriation and cut by 10%; the same as with Soil and Water.

Councillor Sanders moved, seconded by Councillor Abdullah, to send Proposal No. 415, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Community Affairs Committee of the City County Council was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Bowes, Chair  
Community Affairs Committee

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